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U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Luján is urging the Department of Homeland Security to help speed up the implementation of liquid scanning technology being developed at Los Alamos National Laboratory in light of a failed Christmas Day airline attack.

Luján says the technology, known as MagViz, could help federal security officials identify harmful liquids a passenger might try to carry onboard.

"The technology of the MagViz system represents a clear improvement over our current magnetometer-dependent security scans that can detect only a very limited number of metal objects," Luján wrote in a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano this week.

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